IIGB Forum
June 15, 2007: 1:00pm
Bourns A265

–AGENDA–

I. IIGB Business Plan [N. Raikhel]

Approved by IIGB Advisory Committee

Submitted May 15, 2007 to CNAS Interim Dean Don Cooksey

Purpose – describe the following for the next two years:
  • Goals and objectives;
  • How Institute making strides to reduce carry forward;
  • Management structure;
  • Methods of generating funds to conduct a first-class operation.

Key elements to be displayed on IIGB website

Key Elements (see attached)

Equipment
  Purchases Maintenance Agreements (Attachment: Table A)
  Pending Orders (Attachment: Section B)
  Training underway for new instruments; see David Carter

New Services
  Chemical Genomics
    Proposal to provide access to chemical library screening; rate structure being investigated

Research and Training Awards (Attachment: Section C)
  Special notes:
    IIGB Pilot Interdisciplinary Research Projects
    Request for Proposals on IIGB website
    Deadline for submissions – 7/2/07

CEPCEB Stipends for International IGERT Graduate Students
  Student recruitment currently underway for next year

Seminar Support (Attachment: Section D)
  Special notes:
    CEPCEB Special Award Ceremony and Noel Keen Lecture
    2/9/2007: Featured Speaker: Bernard Palsson, Professor of Bioengineering and Adjunct Professor of Medicine at UCSD
    1/18/08: Speaker: Gloria Coruzzi, Carroll and Milton Petrie Professor, Dept of Biology at New York University

CEPCEB PI Luncheons: Quarterly
  Purpose: To learn more about members’ research interests and promote interdisciplinary interaction and collaboration
CDVR Seminar Series:
- Active: Seven speakers in 2007
- Focus: Malaria, virus pathogenesis and transmission

CDVR Monthly PI Luncheons
- Underway eff. May 2007

Symposium on Vector Biology, Ecology and Control:
- Celebration of 50 Years of Research, Teaching and Service of Professor Mir S. Mulla
- Helped launch CDVR and IIGB

II. Recruitments/Hires: [N. Raikhel]

Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (3 positions)
- Scope: 93 Applicants, 9 interviewed
- Status:
  - Xiaohui Xie, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard University
    DECLINED: Accepted another position
  - Angelina Chang, UCSB Howard Hughes Medical Institute
    PENDING: Negotiations underway: Chemistry
  - Haixu Tang, Indiana University-Bloomington
    PENDING: Negotiations underway: Biochemistry and Botany & Plant Sciences
  - Maxim Bazhenov, The Salk Institute for Biological Studies
    PENDING: Negotiations underway: Cell Biology & Neuroscience

Position Requests:
- Cluster of 4 Recruitments in Systems Biology

Academic Administrator
- HIRED: Glenn Hicks, eff. 5/1/07
- Role: Oversee Core facilities, especially Genomics Core.

IIGB Genomics Core Specialist
- Yoon Gi Choi leaving eff. 7/1/07 – spread word to anyone interested in applying
- Position Announcement: Distributed
- Search Committee Chair: Peter Atkinson

IIGB Genomics Core Lab Assistant III:
- HIRED: Clay Clark, eff. 6/25/07

Web Programmer
- HIRED: eff. 4/1/07
- IIGB Website:
  - Completion 9/07
  - NEED faculty profiles!
III. Marketing

IIGB Folders: newly printed
Folders advertise core instrumentation services/facilities and have pockets and slots for fact sheets and business cards. Folders designed generically to last indefinitely; fact sheets provide more specific information on Centers and Programs and can be modified regularly.

IV. Committees:

External Scientific Advisory Board
Yearly membership of 4-5 people
Focus for first year: Evaluation of Core facilities
Membership renewed/determined by review needs of Institute
Will help advertise IIGB
Natasha will work on SAB member selection and invitations

V. Questions/Concerns/Comments

Julia Bailey Serres:
Inquired about possibility of IIGB establishing an Internal Core Review Committee. Natasha would like to start with External Scientific Advisory Board first and determine need for internal committee based on their recommendations.

Sarjeet Gill:
Expressed concern over changing genomics technologies and advocated purchase of 454 sequencer. Some members indicated need to hire bioinformatics person to assist with analysis of data; others mentioned the high maintenance costs for equipment and for running experiments. Natasha will investigate potential interest/usage of instrumentation.

Peter Atkinson:
Commented that the Genomics Building is slated for completion February 2009, and that miniature lab models will be available Sept/Oct 2007.

V. Next Forum Date?

Will be scheduled in October 2007.